

**ABSTRACT**

5 A multi-chamber oil boom includes a first bladder and a second bladder, each having an inflatable  
interior. A valve includes an air passage that communicates between the interior of the first bladder  
and the interior of the second bladder. The valve further includes a clamping spring assembly that  
provides compressive force on the air passage and closes the air passage until partial inflation of the  
first bladder causes the air passage to open against the compressive force of the clamping spring  
10 assembly to open the air passage and allow air to travel from the inflatable interior of the first  
bladder to the inflatable interior of the second bladder.